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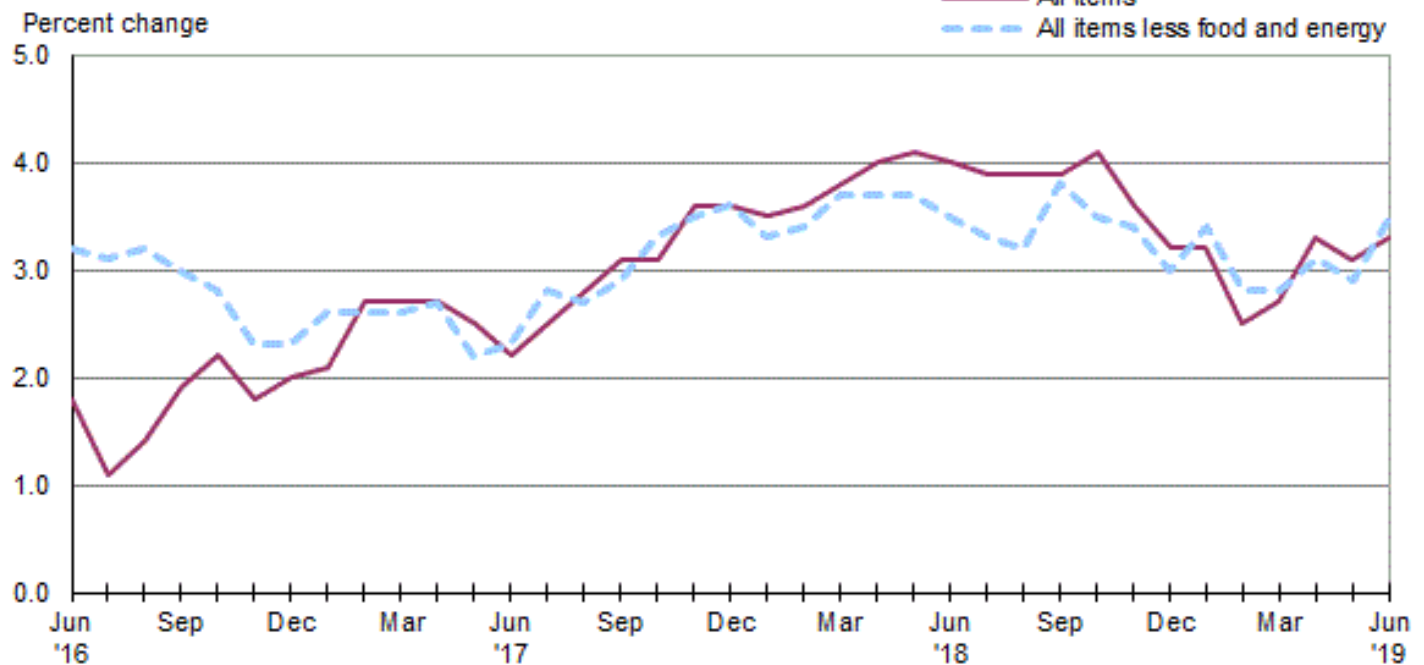
## **Consumer Price Index, Los Angeles area – June 2019**

**Area prices were unchanged over the past month, up 3.3 percent from a year ago**

Prices in the Los Angeles area, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), were unchanged in June, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (See [table A](#).) Assistant Commissioner for Regional Operations Richard Holden noted that during this period higher shelter prices helped counter lower gasoline prices. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect seasonal influences.)

Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U advanced 3.3 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A](#).) Energy prices increased 2.3 percent, largely the result of an increase in the price of electricity. The index for all items less food and energy rose 3.5 percent over the year. (See [table 1](#).)

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA, June 2016–June 2019**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Food

Food prices decreased 0.3 percent for the month of June. (See [table 1.](#)) Prices for food at home decreased 0.7 percent, while prices for food away from home were unchanged for the same period.

Over the year, food prices increased 3.0 percent. Prices for food away from home rose 4.8 percent since a year ago, and prices for food at home rose 1.3 percent.

## Energy

The energy index decreased 4.1 percent over the month. The decrease was mainly due to lower prices for gasoline (-6.7 percent). Prices for electricity increased 1.5 percent, and prices for natural gas service advanced 0.9 percent for the same period.

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## All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.3 percent in June. Higher prices for other goods and services (1.1 percent) and shelter (0.7 percent) were partially offset by lower prices for apparel (-0.9 percent) and new vehicles (-0.3 percent).

Over the year, the index for all items less food and energy rose 3.5 percent. Components contributing to the increase included household furnishings and operations (6.1 percent) and shelter (5.1 percent). Partly offsetting the increases was a price decline in recreation (-1.3 percent).

**Table A. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA, CPI-U 1-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted**

Month	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month
January.....	-0.3	-0.1	0.7	3.1	0.9	2.1	0.8	3.5	0.7	3.2
February.....	0.7	0.1	0.0	2.4	0.6	2.7	0.7	3.6	0.1	2.5
March.....	1.0	0.5	0.3	1.7	0.3	2.7	0.4	3.8	0.6	2.7
April.....	-0.1	0.5	0.2	2.0	0.2	2.7	0.4	4.0	1.0	3.3
May.....	1.0	1.1	0.5	1.4	0.3	2.5	0.4	4.1	0.2	3.1
June.....	-0.3	0.8	0.1	1.8	-0.2	2.2	-0.2	4.0	0.0	3.3
July.....	0.7	1.4	0.0	1.1	0.3	2.5	0.2	3.9		
August.....	-0.3	1.1	0.0	1.4	0.3	2.8	0.2	3.9		
September.....	-0.4	0.7	0.2	1.9	0.4	3.1	0.5	3.9		
October.....	0.2	1.0	0.4	2.2	0.4	3.1	0.5	4.1		
November.....	0.0	1.6	-0.4	1.8	0.1	3.6	-0.3	3.6		
December.....	-0.1	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	3.6	-0.3	3.2		

**The July 2019 Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles area is scheduled to be released on August 13, 2019.**

## Consumer Price Index Geographic Revision for 2018

In January 2018, BLS introduced a new geographic area sample for the Consumer Price Index (CPI). As part of the new sample, Los Angeles and Riverside have separate indexes. Additional information on the geographic revision is available at: [www.bls.gov/cpi/additional-resources/geographic-revision-2018.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cpi/additional-resources/geographic-revision-2018.htm).

### Technical Note

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 93 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 29 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Each month, prices are collected in 75 urban areas across the country from about 5,000 housing units and approximately 22,000 retail establishments--department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index.

The index measures price changes from a designated reference date (1982-84) that equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65. For further details see the CPI home page on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/cpi](http://www.bls.gov/cpi) and the BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 17, The Consumer Price Index, available on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/opub/hom/homch17\\_a.htm](http://www.bls.gov/opub/hom/homch17_a.htm).

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Because the sample size of a local area is smaller, the local area index is subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. In addition, local indexes are not adjusted for seasonal influences. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. **NOTE: Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.**

The Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, metropolitan area covered in this release is comprised of Los Angeles and Orange Counties in the State of California.

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**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)**

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jun. 2019	Jun. 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	273.945	274.479	274.380	3.3	0.2	0.0
All items (1967=100) .....	809.356	810.932	810.640	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	265.788	266.326	265.569	2.9	-0.1	-0.3
Food .....	266.459	267.125	266.300	3.0	-0.1	-0.3
Food at home .....	256.108	256.821	255.135	1.3	-0.4	-0.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	270.934	276.434	273.550	3.2	1.0	-1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	278.702	282.296	276.577	-0.1	-0.8	-2.0
Dairy and related products .....	243.276	247.601	247.328	7.5	1.7	-0.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	342.410	342.939	344.121	2.9	0.5	0.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1) .....	263.960	259.587	256.609	0.7	-2.8	-1.1
Other food at home .....	198.575	195.805	196.263	-2.1	-1.2	0.2
Food away from home .....	273.686	274.293	274.377	4.8	0.3	0.0
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Alcoholic beverages .....	240.606	239.413	239.605	0.9	-0.4	0.1
Housing .....	312.688	313.929	315.967	5.0	1.0	0.6
Shelter .....	361.669	361.789	364.285	5.1	0.7	0.7
Rent of primary residence(2) .....	381.531	382.263	384.472	5.8	0.8	0.6
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2)(3) .....	375.066	375.869	378.241	5.0	0.8	0.6
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(1)(2) .....	375.044	375.847	378.219	5.0	0.8	0.6
Fuels and utilities .....	321.975	328.064	330.978	3.3	2.8	0.9
Household energy .....	274.065	281.595	285.199	3.8	4.1	1.3
Energy services(2) .....	272.507	280.104	283.915	3.9	4.2	1.4
Electricity(2) .....	323.613	323.435	328.400	6.0	1.5	1.5
Utility (piped) gas service(2) .....	204.313	228.545	230.518	-1.8	12.8	0.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	119.225	122.762	122.835	6.1	3.0	0.1
Apparel .....	110.382	108.695	107.736	2.4	-2.4	-0.9
Transportation .....	223.435	224.193	218.918	1.6	-2.0	-2.4
Private transportation .....	219.807	220.355	215.066	1.5	-2.2	-2.4
New and used motor vehicles(4) .....	91.923	91.852	91.783	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
New vehicles(1) .....	170.106	170.988	170.548	0.7	0.3	-0.3
Used cars and trucks(1) .....	269.228	266.438	269.839	0.5	0.2	1.3
Motor fuel .....	307.726	310.132	289.321	1.6	-6.0	-6.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	300.758	303.027	282.687	1.6	-6.0	-6.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular(4) .....	301.683	303.996	282.930	1.4	-6.2	-6.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(4)(5) .....	288.797	290.177	272.609	2.1	-5.6	-6.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium(4) .....	285.205	287.318	269.393	1.7	-5.5	-6.2
Motor vehicle insurance(1) .....	774.857	774.857	774.857	2.1	0.0	0.0
Medical care .....	482.458	484.009	484.327	0.9	0.4	0.1
Recreation(6) .....	105.404	104.690	104.541	-1.3	-0.8	-0.1
Education and communication(6) .....	146.969	147.015	147.723	2.0	0.5	0.5
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1) ..	1,893.391	1,893.391	1,915.729	7.6	1.2	1.2
Other goods and services .....	436.530	435.145	440.145	3.3	0.8	1.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	273.945	274.479	274.380	3.3	0.2	0.0
Commodities .....	186.418	187.156	185.060	2.3	-0.7	-1.1
Commodities less food & beverages .....	144.444	145.211	142.742	1.8	-1.2	-1.7
Nondurables less food & beverages .....	199.474	199.884	194.186	1.5	-2.7	-2.9
Durables .....	91.741	92.769	93.110	2.5	1.5	0.4
Services .....	351.856	352.210	353.871	3.8	0.6	0.5

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jun. 2019	Jun. 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	264.792	265.285	265.171	3.5	0.1	0.0
All items less shelter.....	235.395	236.119	234.840	2.1	-0.2	-0.5
Commodities less food .....	148.777	149.502	147.071	1.8	-1.1	-1.6
Nondurables .....	234.497	234.975	231.408	2.2	-1.3	-1.5
Nondurables less food.....	204.438	204.767	199.311	1.5	-2.5	-2.7
Services less rent of shelter(3).....	347.142	347.842	348.341	2.0	0.3	0.1
Services less medical care services.....	340.005	340.299	341.972	4.0	0.6	0.5
Energy .....	298.187	302.397	289.953	2.3	-2.8	-4.1
All items less energy .....	274.505	274.798	275.518	3.4	0.4	0.3
All items less food and energy .....	276.185	276.421	277.384	3.5	0.4	0.3

**Footnotes**

(1) Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.

(2) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

(3) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

(4) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

(5) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

(6) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.